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Birthday of a Great American.

at the outset of the world war the people of the effect on German opinion.

several inclinations and associations lead us.

Thus it has been that to a degree almost unsuspected in past months the interest and the sympathy of the people of our own country have been enlisted in the cause of foreign nations, and point of view in the present world crisis.

hyphen has furnished a warning nation-wide.

Nothing is more natural than that the British, poses of political patronage.

German certainly, but Americans equally, must realize that our allegiance, our obligation, our duty lies first, absolutely, to our own nation, which, against its will, seems to be drawn a little nearer month by month to the edge of th

tions to specialized philanthropies and the consequence curtailment of their work. The New York Association for the Blind reports that, though its numerous refugees from the war zone who have come to it seeking assistance, its funds had diminished. Classes have been closed and work has had to be denied to those who have some has had to be denied to those who have sought it.

It is a pity that this splandid organization has

to be thus hampered in its service to one of the most helpless classes of unfortunates. Unless they are taught to help themselves the blind are hopeless. The Lighthouse gives them hope by teaching them to work, furnishing them opportunities to work; and helping them to understand and take part in the pleasures of life. To see the results of this work is to sympathize with Never had New York seemed so alluring. the association's appeal for contributions.

Half a Million Tons of Hostages.

us to take them in carnest."

versary of the birth of George Washington must our ports fifty-five German and eleven Austro- specifications of his dream. When the sufsupply a needed stimulus to patriotic thinking. Hungarian merchant ships, with a total tonnage fragists get the ballot, I wonder to a fresh examination of the meaning of the of 518,706. The value of these ships is many I had had an unusually good breakfast. American idea and the real mission of the Amer- times the value of American merchantmen likely There had been, among other joys, griddle to be imperilled in the German "war zone." Here cakes of the lighter-than-air variety, utterly It was natural, it was perhaps inevitable, that is a situation which should have a very calming drenched in unqualifiedly pure maple syrup;

follow one side or the other of the great battle army and navy would be able to do to Germany enderial paradise, and all because I wanted line which now divides a continent and think in if we should be driven to protect our rights on for to admire and for to see a few Western terms of partisanship rather than of neutrality. the high seas, we are in the most favorable posi-In the wider sense it is impossible for men tion possible to exact compensation for attacks. It was as though somebody had asked me or women to be neutral in the presence of human made on our merchant marine. There are sixty- what I thought of the world and I had restrife and international conflict. We are bound six perfectly good reasons why the commander plied that I didn't consider it, as worlds to applaud the French, condemn the Germans, of a German submarine should hesitate about went, much of a success; that it was full of approve the Russians, criticise the British as our precipitating reprisals by torpedoing an Ameri- injustice and fakery and selfishness and ug-

Federal Quarantine Preferable.

this has caused a forgetfulness of the Ameriand state but the whole country a service in ing it." I think I should find the world full can aspect, the American concern, the American causing the transfer of the quarantine station of a number of desirable and lovely thingsat this port from state to federal control. The 51 per cent of the things and people being For all of this the recent diplomatic exchanges committee on public health of the Academy of desirable and lovely and 100 per cent of them between our own government and Great Britain Medicine is urging this action on him, as it did interesting. and Germany must already have supplied a nat- on Governor Dix when the latter, for purely I walked down the Avenue; and for the United States was the use of this post for pur- "have anything to compare with this?" And

sailed for St. Helena, the first challenge of their in the country whose quarantine is under state but we have 85,000 people at one of our sea supremacy since Trafalgar, should look hope- regulation. All the others, forty-eight in number, world series games, and the Woolworth fully out across the storm-beater. Atlantic to the have come under the control of the Public Health Building is 2,624 feet high." I might even. shores settled by people of their own race, popu- Service of the Treasury Department, a service I thought, have to boast about the circulalated by those who still speak their tongue, pre-much less subject to periodic political pressure tion of the Evening Journal. Again I prayed serve their common law and retain much of their than the smaller state bureau, and one which has for strength. been able to co-ordinate its work for the benefit not lisp in numbers; we megaphone in num-Equally explicable is the fact that the German of the entire nation. New Jersey is as much conpeople, now assailed by land and sea by a storm cerned in the quarantine regulation of the port I met a friend. Ordinarily I should have which is grinding up the seed corn of their race, should turn also from a hostile Europe to a neutral America, wherein dwell millions of German descent, who have contributed much to the making of the Republic and to the preservation of the union of states.

To us Americans these appeals will have a meaning varying as our own individual sympaths and traditions vary. But the time has come meaning varying as our own individual sympaths and traditions vary. But the time has come meaning varying as our own individual sympaths and traditions vary. But the time has come meaning varying as our own individual sympaths and traditions vary. But the time has come feeling and traditions vary. But the time has come feeling and traditions vary. But the time has come feeling and traditions vary. But the time has come feeling and traditions vary. But the time has come feeling and traditions vary. But the time has come feeling and traditions vary. But the time has come feeling and traditions vary. But the time has come feeling and traditions vary. But the time has come feeling and traditions vary. But the time has come feeling and traditions vary. But the time has come feeling and traditions vary. But the time has come feeling and traditions vary. But the time has come feeling and traditions vary. But the time has come feeling and traditions vary. But the time has come feeling and traditions vary. But the time has come feeling and traditions vary. But the time has come feeling and traditions vary. But the time has come feeling and traditions vary. But the time has come feeling and the varied of the Neutrals Toward does when she says that a lot of witty did; I am not evading, as Mrs. Humphry which feels to mentally and the feels on the feels on the feels on the feels of the Neutrals and the feels on the feels on

ican rights are of primary, of exclusive importance—this are of primary, of exclusive importance—this is the first duty in the present crisis. Sympathy, charity, all that can be done under the safe first duty in the present crisis. Sympathy, charity, all that can be done under the suffering, save the helples—this should be done to suffering, save the helples—this should be done buffering, save the helples—this should be done But nothing more.

In the face of an international crisis we shall not face of an international crisis we shall asking themselves less seriously. This, of our extraction of the pursuit of happiness. The faculty and students have reacted to this is now part of a large internation of the pursuit of happiness. The faculty and students have reacted to this place theirs.

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The Conning Tower

THE GRAND TOUR.

it and desire to help in it. It would be a fine thing so brimming with things to be done and peoand Treasurer. Address Tribune Building. No. 104 Nassau if many people able to give substantial help to ple to be seen as on the morning I went to others would visit the Lighthouse and see for be measured for my ticket. It was a warm, themselves what is being done for the blind. After rainy morning in mid-February, as the realsuch a visit there would be a generous response to istic authors say; yet New York the heartless. New York the cruel and selfish, seemed suddenly inviting and hospitable. To sever myself from it seemed suicidal.

Hundreds of times I have watched depart-On February 10 our government, protesting ing travellers. Always I have envied them, against certain implications of the German "war setting out for adventure, romance, excitezone" proclamation, warned Germany that she ment or rest. And I have felt sorry for all would be held to strict accountability "for the who were left behind to pursue their perdestruction on the high seas of an American ves- hapsless existence in the drab city, where sel or the lives of American citizens." A part of they did the same thing yesterday they You can purchase merchandise advertised in THE the German press is disposed to dismiss this would do to-morrow, and where the only TRIBUNE with absolute safety-for if dissatisfac- warning as an idle threat. The Berlin "Montags- variation would be in the length of time they tion results in any case THE TRIBUNE guarantees zeitung," for instance, said patronizingly the would be delayed above Ninety-sixth Street to pay your money back upon request. No red tape, other day: "What harm can America do to Ger- on the downtown subway trip mornings. no quibbling. We make good promptly if the adver- many? She has no army and her fleet would not But the city I was about to leave, and to dare to approach nearer our shores than does the leave deliberately, had become fairyland over English. The expulsion of Germans from Amer- night. New York has always seemed like a Observations Appropriate to the ica would mean her ruin. America's threats are prison to me; but I imagine that a prisoner, simply ridiculous, and it is more ridiculous for suddenly granted the pardon he has worked for and hoped for for years, might have some Coming as it does at a moment of domestic. The "Montagszeitung" overlooked one very misgivings as to whether his freedom were anxieties and international difficulties, the anni- important fact. There are interned to-day in going to come up to the blue-prints and

and perfect coffee. Vistas of molasses and United States should permit their sympathies to Apart from the possible damage which our chicory loomed up; I was to leave this prov-

> liness and jealousy. And as though my questioner, a sort of Aladdin of the bad-a Maladdin, as it were—had said, "Well, you'll have to die in two days. Still, as it's such a Governor Whitman can do not only this city badly run world, I suppose you'll mind leav-

ural and wholesome corrective. In the same political reasons, removed Dr. Doty as Health first time felt the combination of pride and fashion the overheated and purblind enthusiasm Officer of the Port. It was realized then, as it is vanity about New York-walking Manhatof certain bearers, self-appointed bearers, of the now, what a menace to New York and to the tanitis. "Will Los Angeles," I wondered,

I prayed for strength to keep me from sayfacing the first great contest since Napoleon To-day New York is one of only two ports left ing, to a boasting Californian, "Yes, I know,

place theirs.

Of the perils of entangling alliances, neglect

of American interests, disregard of the Fatherland, the words apoken by Washington more than
a century ago remain a living warning. He was
a great American, whose example has new force
and meaning on the present anniversary.

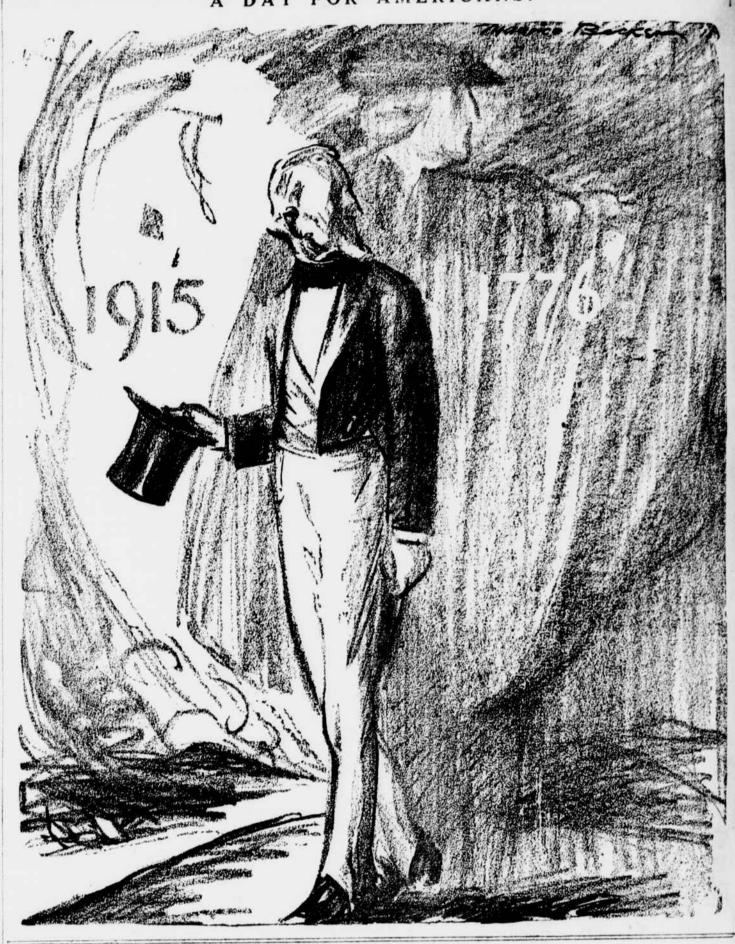
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for years. "The Brown of Harvard of to-day,
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New York, Feb. 6

A DAY FOR AMERICANS.



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An Open Forum for Public Debate.

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lib. esteemed paper permit me to express

of real humor, they are at the same time philosophic, pungent and pur-poseful.

wandering sheep longing to return to the true fold from which they have temporarily been lured by the glamour of a brand new promised land. Keep up the good work! Nineteen sixteen is well worth the winning. OPTIMIST.